GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7631
ANSWERED ON:16.05.2002
UTILISATION OF SURPLUS ACCOMMODATION
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a sum of Rs. 4.80 crore was incurred on land and construction of a building to house 38 Border Road Task Force at Chandigarh between August 1990 and April 1995 but the unit moved to Manali in June 1996 and another expenditure of Rs. 1.12 crore was incurred on watch and ward of surplus accommodation as has been brought out in the CAG report 7 of 2001 in para 44 on page 69;

(b) if so, whether the matter has been enquired into as to why proper application of mind was not applied before taking a decision involving crores of rupees;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the action taken for the utilisation of this surplus accommodation by Army of other users to check recurring expenditure on watch and ward and deterioration in the building?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 7631 16.5.2002

The building for 38 Border Roads Task Force was constructed at Chandigarh in 1994-95 at a cost of Rs. 4.80 Crores. The decision to construct the building was taken after due consideration of all the factors. However, due to strategic reasons, this Task Force had moved temporarily to Manali to oversee the work on Manali-Leh road.The building is occupied by the affiliated units of the Task Force, which continue to remain at Chandigarh to provide logistic support to Task Force, as well as, to Chief Engineer Project Deepak with its Head Quarters at Shimla. An amount of Rs. 19.56 lakhs has been spent from June 1996 till February 2002 on security and upkeep of these buildings.